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LOK SABHA

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Universities of Punjab and Haryana are facing shortage of adequate funds to carry out research activities; and

(b) If so, the steps taken to assist and monitor research projects in those Universities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana have taken steps including starting consultancy services to generate funds. A proposal has also been submitted to the State Government to create a research fund by imposing Cess Fee of Re. 1/- per quintal on the sale of Wheat and Paddy. In this way, the University is likely to generate resources to the tune of Rs. 25 crores for research activities.

As regard CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, the State Government have imposed ban on filling of vacancies.In addition, ICAR has sanctioned 69 NATP schemes for three years with a budget provision of Rs. 15 crores.These projects have no posts and only contingent provision exists to carry out research activities.